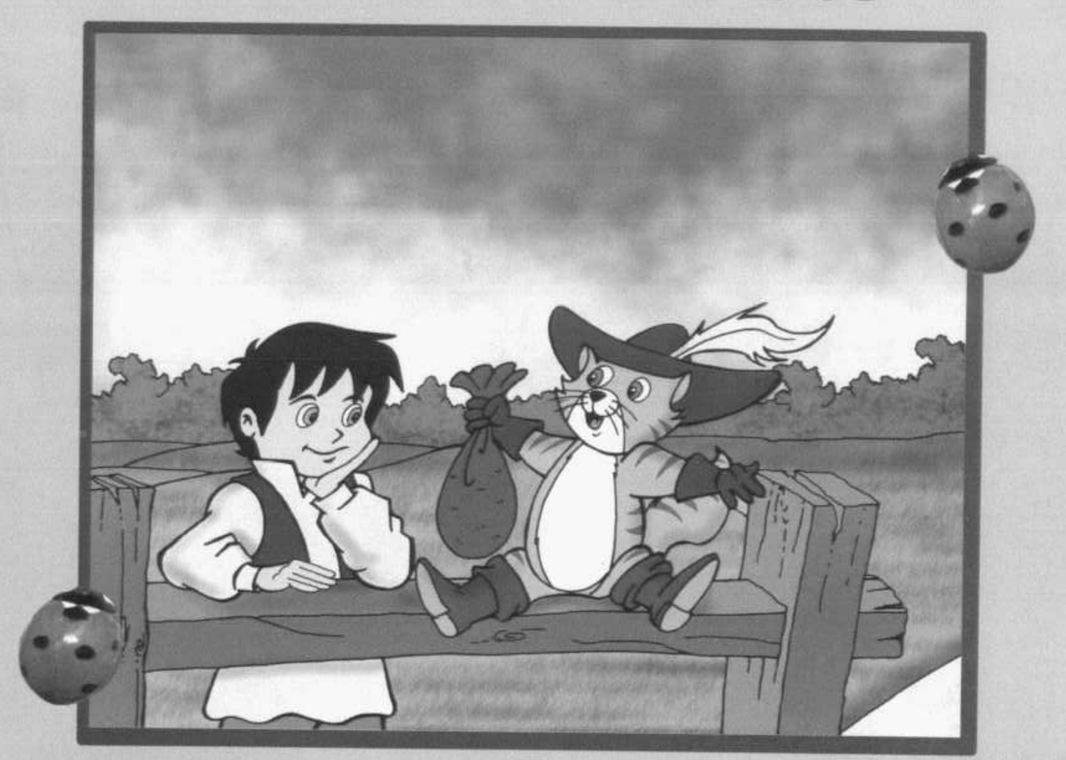
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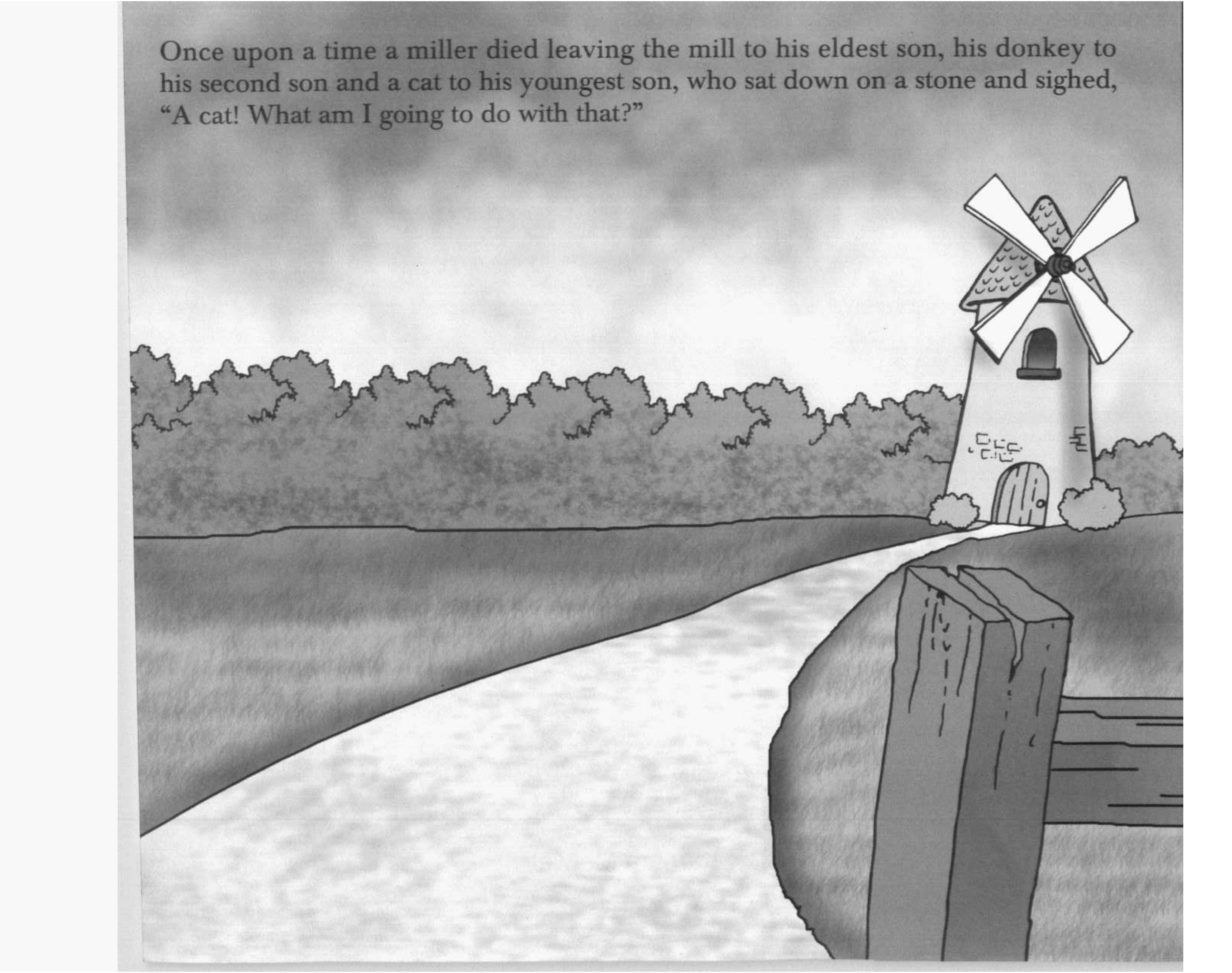
Puss In Boots



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Once upon a time a miller died leaving the mill to his eldest son, his donkey to his second son and a cat to his youngest son, who sat down on a stone and sighed, "A cat! What am I going to do with that?"

But the cat heard his words and said, “Don’t worry, Master. What do you think! That I’m worthless than a half-ruined mill or a mangy donkey? Give me a cloak, and a hat with a feather in it, a bag and a pair of boots, and you will see what I can do.” The young man was surprised, but he decided to obey the cat.



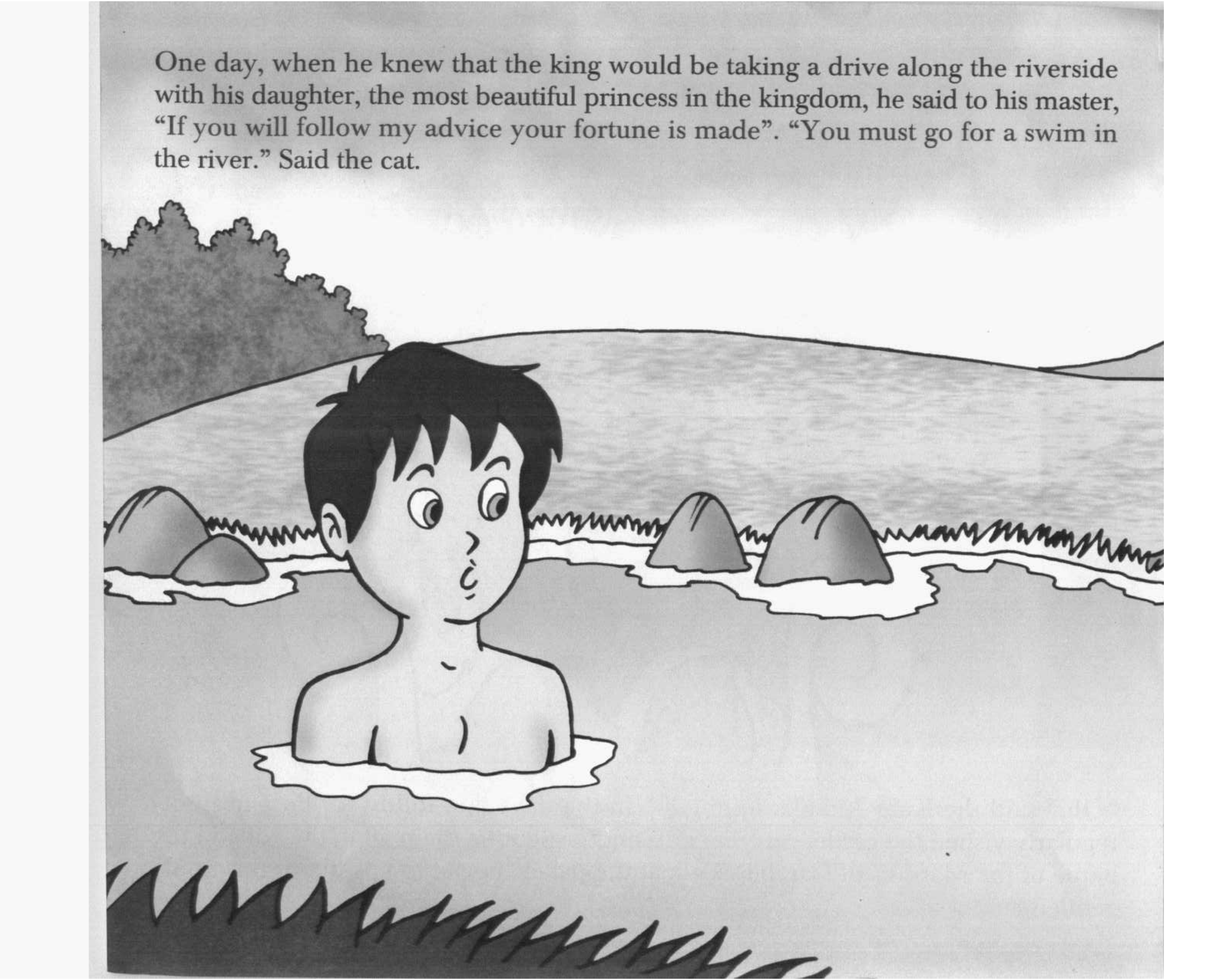
So he gave the cat what he asked for. As the cat strode away, confidentand cheerful. The cat said, “Don’t look so glum, Master. See you soon!” The cat passed by a huge castle so he caught a fat wild rabbit, popped it into his bag, knocked at the castle gate, went before the King and removing his hat, and with a sweeping bow, he said: “Sir, the famous Marquis of Carabas sends you this fine plump rabbit as a gift.”

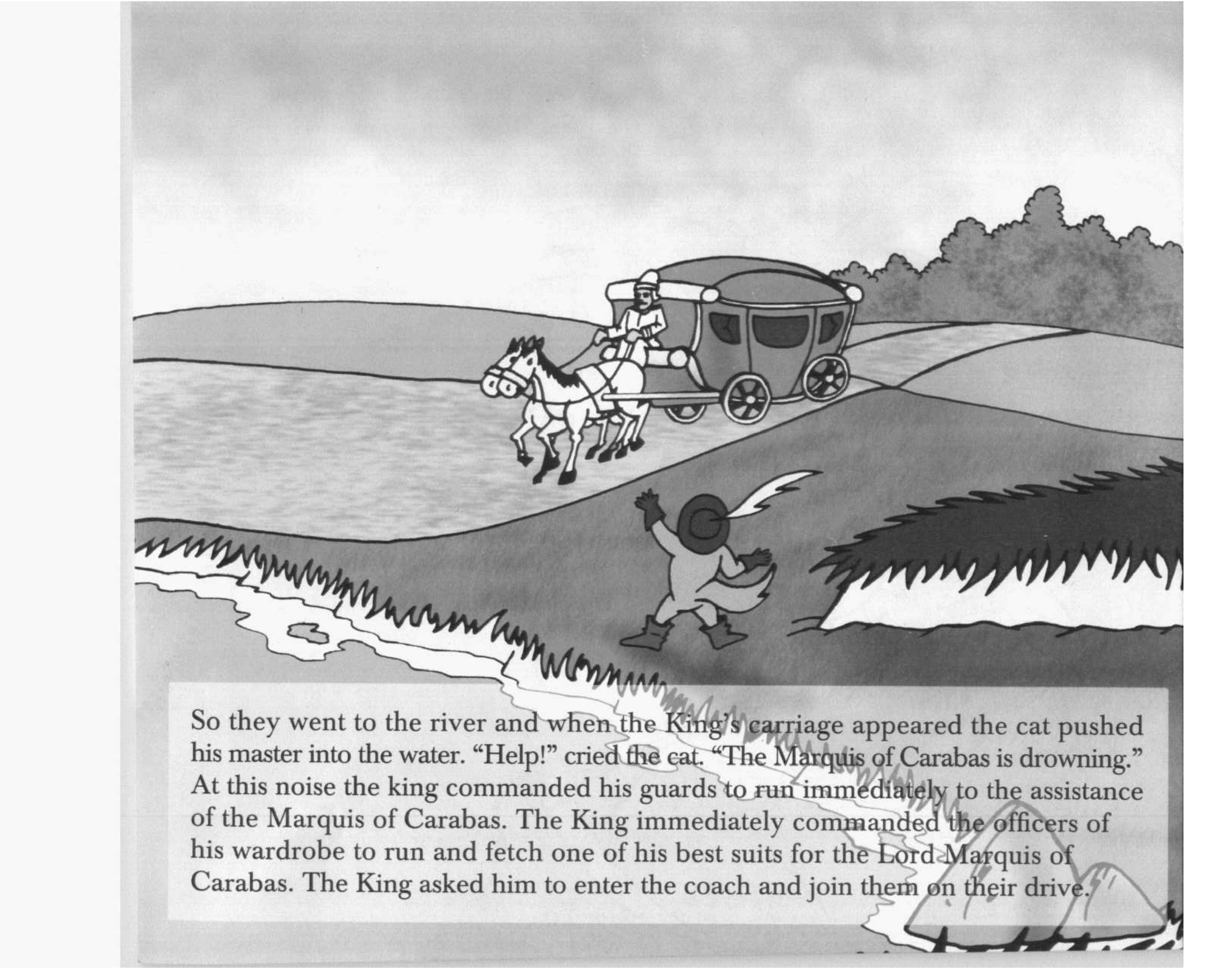




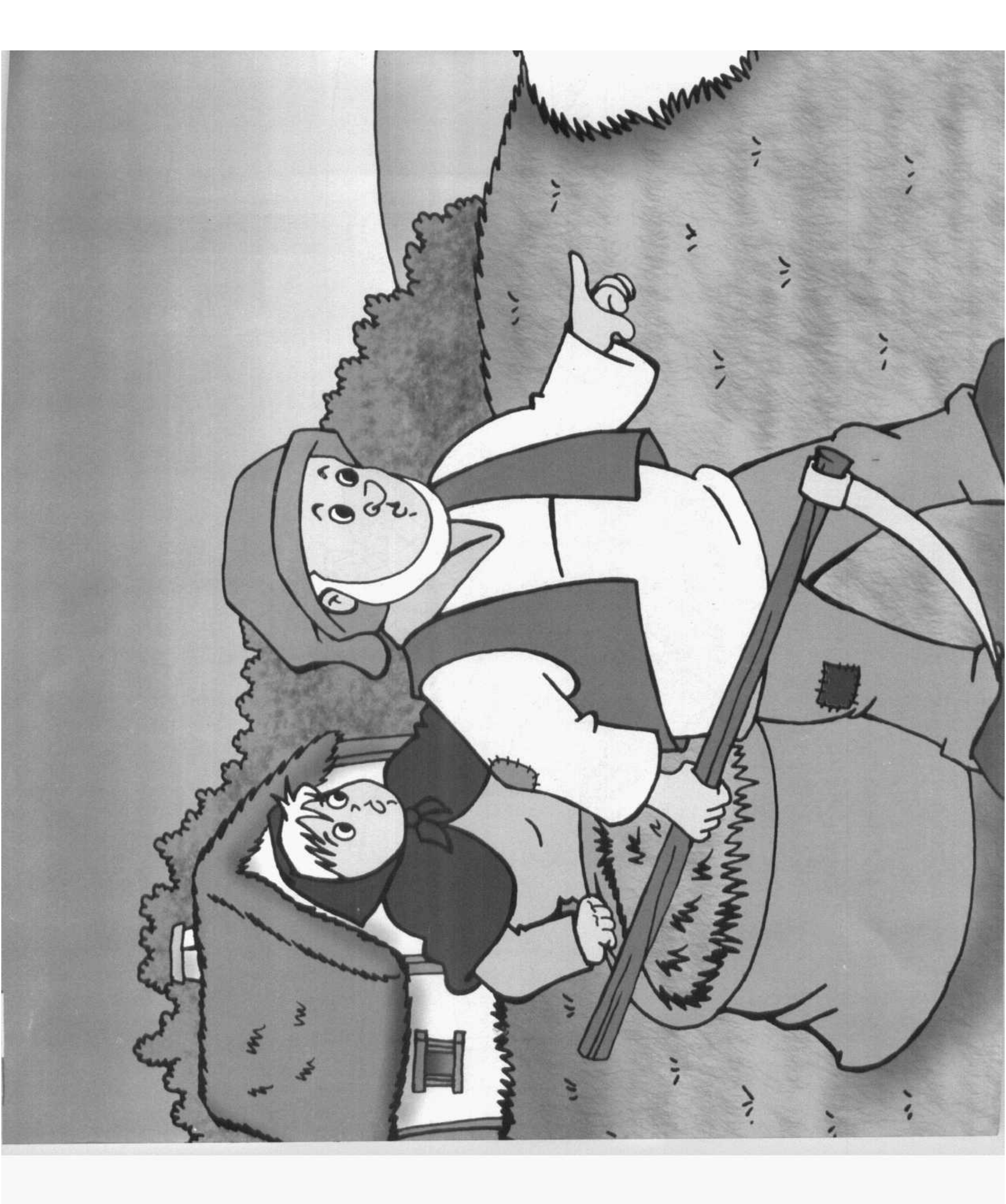
“Oh,” said the King “thanks so much.” In the days that followed, Puss in Boots regularly visited the castle, carrying gifts and presenting them all to the King in the name of the Marquis of Carabas. Folk at the palace began to talk about this noble gentleman.

One day, when he knew that the king would be taking a drive along the riverside with his daughter, the most beautiful princess in the kingdom, he said to his master, “If you will follow my advice your fortune is made”. “You must go for a swim in the river.” Said the cat.

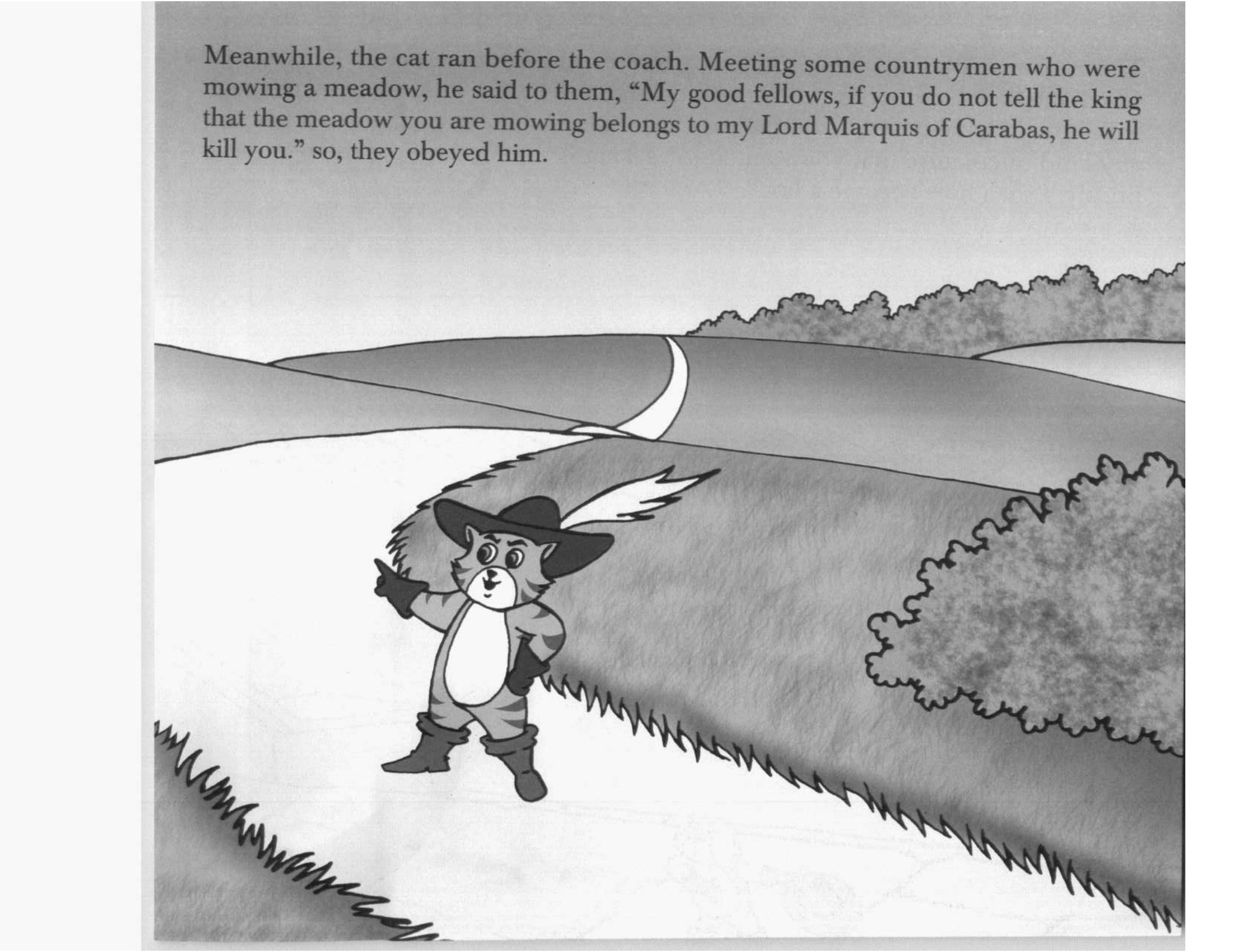




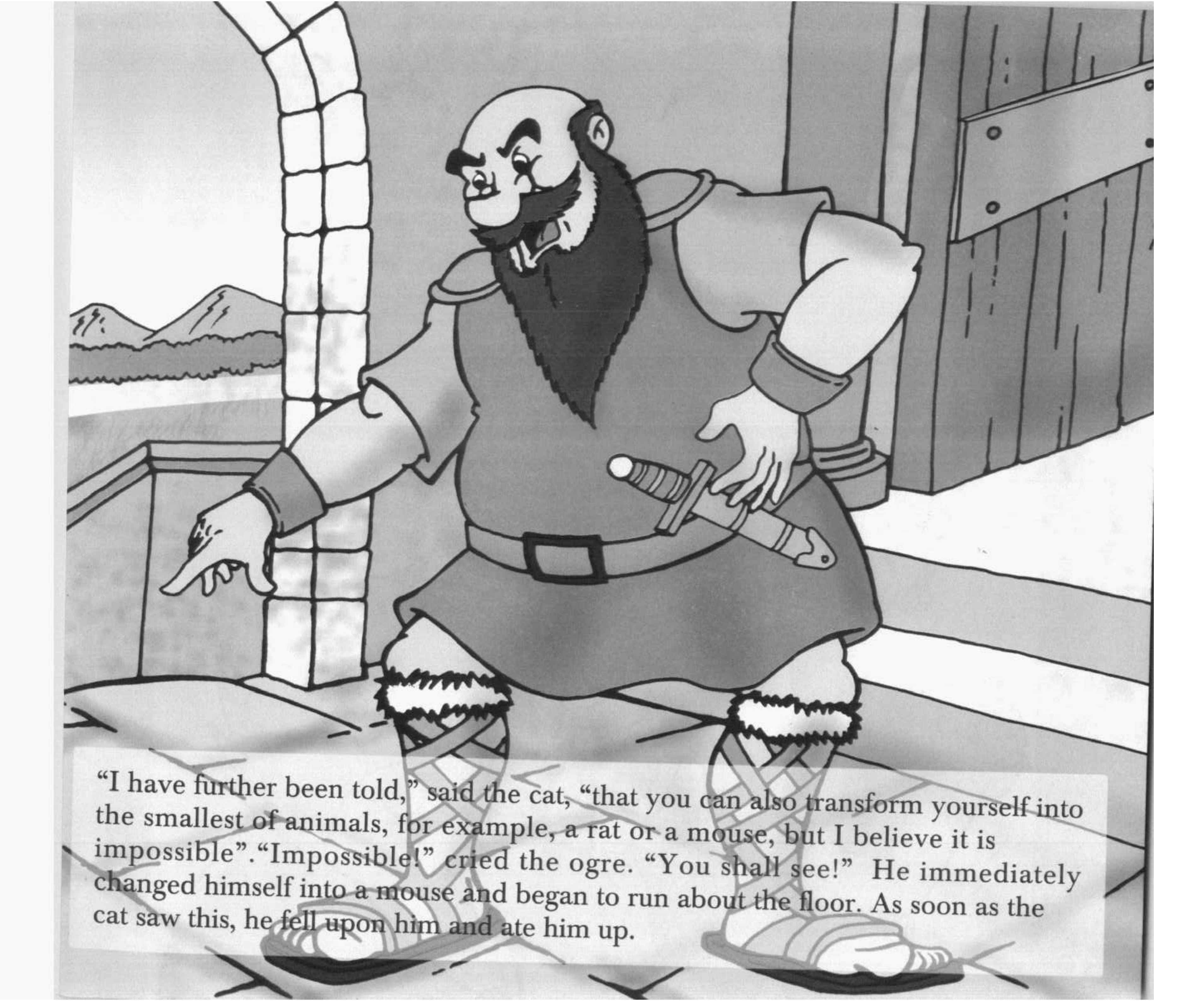
So they went to the river and when the King's carriage appeared the cat pushed his master into the water. "Help!" cried the cat. "The Marquis of Carabas is drowning." At this noise the king commanded his guards to run immediately to the assistance of the Marquis of Carabas. The King immediately commanded the officers of his wardrobe to run and fetch one of his best suits for the Lord Marquis of Carabas. The King asked him to enter the coach and join them on their drive.



Meanwhile, the cat ran before the coach. Meeting some countrymen who were mowing a meadow, he said to them, “My good fellows, if you do not tell the king that the meadow you are mowing belongs to my Lord Marquis of Carabas, he will kill you.” so, they obeyed him.



The cat came at last to a huge castle, the lord of which was an ogre . All the lands which the king had just passed by, belonged to this castle. The cat asked to speak with him, "I have heard," said the cat, "that you are able to change yourself into any kind of creature that you wanted to". "That is true", answered the ogre very briskly. I shall now become a lion".



"I have further been told," said the cat, "that you can also transform yourself into the smallest of animals, for example, a rat or a mouse, but I believe it is impossible"."Impossible!" cried the ogre. "You shall see!" He immediately changed himself into a mouse and began to run about the floor. As soon as the cat saw this, he fell upon him and ate him up.



The cat, welcomed the king and said, “Your majesty is welcome to this castle of my Lord Marquis of Carabas.” The king then was charmed and decided to marry the princess to Lord Marquis of Carabas .The cat became a great lord, and never again ran after mice.